Highway is 7 Km. The estimated cost of road construction is Rs. 50 crore and cost of land acquisition (approx) is Rs. 50 crore. Thus, the estimated cost of construction of this by-pass including the cost of land acquisition is Rs. 100 crore.

(b) The likely date of its completion is November, 2012. Subsequently, it would be opened to traffic.

Repairing and widening of Mangaldoi-Rowta Road

3068. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation for repairing and widening of Mangaldoi-Rowta Road *via* Kaligaon-Tangla-Udalguri which is connected to Udalguri-Tamulpur Road, an important road for defence movement for security near international border; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways and Mangaldoi-Rowta Road *via* Kaligaon-Tangla-Udalguri is not a National Highway. However, widening to 2-lane of Udalguri-Rowta State road finds a place in Phase-B of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North-East, approved by Government only for preparation of Detailed Project Reports and no investment decision has been taken by the Government.

Repair, widening of NHs in Assam

3069. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan and outlay finalized and annual allocation made towards widening, strengthening and repair of National Highways in Assam during the Eleventh Plan indicating the sectoral progress made thereof, year-wise; and

(b) the current year target, the details of proposals received and sanction accorded for implementation of works in National Highways showing list of proposals pending sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Eleventh Plan outlay for improvement of National Highways has not been made State-wise. However, an allocation of Rs. 176.21 crore was made during the last 2 year of Eleventh Plan and Rs. 122.04 crore has been allocated during current year for Assam for improvement of National Highways under NH(O).

(b) A Plan covering 21 works for sanctioning during 2009-10 at the estimated cost of Rs. 369.00 crore has been prepared by Ministry for Assam under NH(O), out of which 11 works amounting to Rs. 202.00 crore have already sanctioned and 7 works are under consideration of the Ministry as per list given in the Statement.

Statement

Repair, Widening of NHs in Assam

List of works under consideration of the Ministry

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount (Rs. in crore)
1.	Karimganj bypass between NH-44 and NH-51	0.13
2.	Construction of sub way steel bridge along with approaches over river Ranganadi on NH-52	10.03
3.	Strengthening including paved shoulders from km 0.000 to 19.659 of NH-31B	29.94
4.	Strengthening and raising of low laying stretches from km. 175.900 to 195.000 of NH-44	35.58
5.	Strengthening of existing pavement from km 945.000 to 953.827 and km 945.562 to 955.000 of NH-31 (Salmara-Rakhaldubi section)	12.22
6.	Strengthening from km. 6.160 to 32.000 of NH-37	42.65
7.	Strengthening from km. 73.000 to 84.000 of NH-37	11.96
	TOTAL:	142.51

Deplorable condition of NHs in North-East

3070. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the national highways in the north-east are in deplorable condition;

(b) whether it is a fact that NH-44 has run into damages here and there although and the works of its four laning are not in progress; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) No, Sir. National Highways in North-East are being maintained in traffic worthy condition.